

The Crofton Singers

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Alto</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>
Jacqui Davies	Maggie Goble	Laimons Grinbergs	Richard Barnard
Clara Fiedler	Diana Meteyard	Hugh Meteyard	John Hall
Joanna Newell	Sarah Newell	Bob Pond	Greg Hartwell
Elizabeth Tunnickliffe	Diana Newlands Elaine Norman		Peter Merrick Oliver Steadman Jim Taylor Craig Withers

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We are a friendly four-part chamber choir that meets on Thursday evenings at Bancroft's School, Woodford, East London to sing a wide range of unaccompanied music.

Our musical director Jonathan Rathbone (a former director of the Swingle Singers) makes the rehearsals fun as well as creating an environment in which to learn and develop as singers.

Join us

New members (over 16) are always welcome in all voice parts.

We reach a good standard of chamber choir singing, with the majority of members being able to read music and sight-read, so some experience of choral singing will be helpful.

We do not have formal auditions – but invite you to come for a few rehearsals to see if you like what we do and then make a mutual decision (most people stay...).

Please talk to us or send an email to croftonsingers@gmail.com

Support us

Do leave your email address if you would like to be informed of future events.

We also greatly appreciate any financial support for our activities and as a registered charity we can claim tax gift aid on donations.

Further information:

Visit our website: www.croftonsingers.org.uk



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Registered Charity No. 1012741

Musical Director: **Jonathan Rathbone**

Chansons and Carols

A programme of French Songs
and Christmas Carols

8.00 p.m. on Thursday 28th November 2019
Bancroft's School Chapel,
High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RF

By Kind Permission of Bancroft's School

Tickets, including refreshments, £5 (under 18s free)

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Programme

<i>Ding Dong! merrily on high</i>	16 cent French harm Charles Wood
<i>Calme des nuits</i>	Camille Saint-Saëns
<i>Les fleurs</i>	
<i>Ubi caritas</i>	Maurice Duruflé
<i>O sacrum convivium</i>	Olivier Messiaen
<i>Rencontre</i>	*Gabriel Fauré
<i>Toujours</i>	
<i>Adieu</i>	
<i>This is the truth</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams
<i>Adam lay ybounden</i>	Boris Ord
<i>O magnum mysterium</i>	Tomás Luis de Victoria
<i>Shepherds' cradle song</i>	Karl Leuner arr Charles Macpherson
<i>The lamb</i>	John Tavener
<i>Better gifts</i> - Words by Paul Whitnall	*Peter Warlock
<i>I saw a maiden</i>	Old Basque Noël arr Edgar Pettman
<i>There is no rose</i>	John Joubert
<i>We wish you a merry Christmas</i>	trad arr Arthur Warrell
	*arr Jonathan Rathbone

Translations

Ubi caritas

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other
with a sincere heart. Amen.

O sacrum convivium

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received,
the memory of His Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given us.
Alleluia.

O magnum mysterium

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament,
that beasts should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger.
O blessed virgin, whose body was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia

Jonathan Rathbone was a chorister at Coventry Cathedral and later a choral scholar at Christ's College Cambridge, where he read mathematics. He then studied at the Royal Academy of Music where he specialised in singing and composition, winning prizes in choral, conducting and orchestration. Jonathan joined the Swingle Singers in 1984 and was musical director for eight of the twelve years he sang with them. During that time he created the majority of their arrangements.

He left the Swingle Singers in 1996 in order to spend more time writing, arranging and orchestrating. He is in constant demand as a choir trainer, works with vocal ensembles all over Europe and adjudicates choral competitions. Closer to home he directs four other choirs in North London, and is musical director at St Mary's Church Walthamstow.

Jonathan joined the Crofton Singers as Musical Director in January 2018.

Next Concert:

Saturday 21st March 2020 at 3.00pm
St Mary's & Holy Trinity Church
230 Bow Road, Bow, London E3 3AH

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